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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S PREFERENCE FOR VENUE OF NEXT JOINT
COMMITTEE MEETING

1. SPANISH DIPLOMATIC SECRETARY OF JOINT COMMITTEE (MARQUES DE PERINAT) STATES FOREIGN MINISTER CORTINA, AFTER CAREFULLY CONSIDERING US SUGGESTION OF STUTTGART AS SITE FOR JUNE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING, HAS DECIDED AGAINST MEETING IN GERMANY. ACCORDING TO PERINAT, FOREIGN MINISTER FEELS IT WOULD BE IMPROPER FOR HIGH LEVEL SPANISH REPRESENTATIVE TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPORTANT BI-LATERAL MILITARY MEETING IN NATO COUNTRY, SUCH AS GERMANY, AS LONG AS SPAIN EXCLUDED FROM NATO AND LACKING ANY FORM OF WORKING ARRANGEMENT WITH IT.

2. PERINAT CONTINUED THAT CORTINA HAD ANTICIPATED PROBABLE US REPLY THAT PRECEDENT ALREADY EXISTS FOR SUCH MEETINGS IN GERMANY AND HAD COMMENTED THAT DIFFERENT FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL INEVITABLY HAVE DIFFERING CONVICTIONS AND OPERATING STYLES AND WILL THEREFORE AT TIMES TAKE DIFFERING APPROACHES TO SAME ISSUE.

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3. HE ADDED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER FULLY AGREES IN PRINCIPLE
WITH HOLDING THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING JUNE 18 IN
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